

Appln. No. 10/036,690
Amdt. dated July 21, 2005
In response to Office action mailed May 24, 2005

REMARKS

As of the Official Action mailed May 24, 2005 claims 1 and 3-75 are pending , with claims 1, 3-21, and 39 standing rejected and claims 22-38 and 40-75 withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

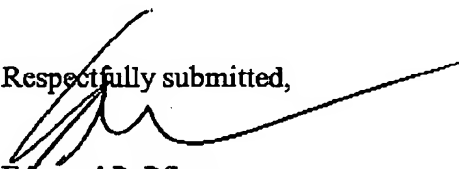
The Cross-Reference to Related applications has been amended to remove the reference to application Serial No. 09/884,782, which was erroneously included in the priority chain. As this amendment removes a reference to a prior application, no petition is believed necessary. Additionally, the Cross-Reference to Related Applications has been amended to indicate that, since the filing of the present application, application Serial No. 09/915,107 has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,533,762.

Claims 1, 3-21, and 39 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,533,762. A terminal disclaimer has been separately filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome this double patenting rejection. Accordingly, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies, or additional fees are payable, please charge, or credit any overpayment to, our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

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